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SUBJECT: QUARTZ CRYSTAL

REF: (A) BRASILIA 4962 (19 JUNE); (B) STATE 144599

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1. DEPARTMENT AGREES WITH YOUR ASSESSMENT THAT TIME MAY  
BE OPPORTUNE TO INFORM BRAZILIANS OF DAMAGING EFFECTS  
THEIR QUARTZ EXPORT QUOTA POLICY MAY HAVE ON THEIR POSITION  
AS WORLD'S MAJOR SUPPLIER OF THIS MATERIAL.

2. BUREAU OF MINES IS CHECKING INTO VALIDITY OF INFORMATION REPORTED PARAGRAPH 4 REF A CONCERNING LASCA OUTPUT IN HOT SPRINGS ARKANSAS AND NORTH CAROLINA. PRELIMINARY INDICATIONS, HOWEVER, ARE THAT THESE REPORTS ARE HIGHLY EXAGGERATED: E.G., ARKANSAS GEOLOGICAL COMMISSION IS UN-AWARE OF ANY LASCA OPERATION IN THAT STATE. BUREAU OF MINES WILL CONTINUE ITS INQUIRIES AND WE WILL, OF COURSE, KEEP THE EMBASSY INFORMED.

3. ALTHOUGH REPORTS OF LASCA EXPLOITATION IN US APPEAR EXAGGERATED AT THE PRESENT TIME, BUREAU OF MINES CONFIRMS THAT EXTENSIVE DOMESTIC EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES AS WELL AS INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ARE UNDERWAY IN QUARTZ INDUSTRY, WITH A VIEW TO REDUCING US INDUSTRY'S DEPENDENCE ON FOREIGN SOURCE LASCA (I.E., BRAZIL) IN NEAR FUTURE.

4. ACCORDINGLY, WE BELIEVE THAT EMBASSY SHOULD (A) INFORM GOB OF OUR GENERAL CONCERN OVER ACTUAL AND POTENTIAL EXPORT-RESTRICTIVE MEASURES PER PARAGRAPH 2 REF B, AND (B) AS APPROPRIATE, OUTLINE POTENTIAL ADVERSE CONSEQUENCES FOR BRAZILIAN QUARTZ AND BERYL EXPORT SALES, DRAWING ON INFORMATION IN THIS TELEGRAM AND IN REF B.

5. AS REQUESTED, GSA 1974 STOCKPILE REPORTS TO CONGRESS AIRPOUCHED JUNE 23 TO AMCONGEN RIO FOR MINERALS OFFICER.  
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